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KOPPEL: Okay. I do want to raise the question, however, of that CIA pamphlet. It was much in the news yesterday. Again today, there's a great deal of moral indignation on Capitol Hill. House Speaker Tip O'Neill has called for the resignation of CIA Director Bill Casey. Ray Cline, because of a pamphlet which,

in Spanish, purportedly instructs the contras, the Sandinista rebels or the anti-Sandinista rebels in Nicaragua in, in assassination and in kidnapping. Are

we playing games here? I mean, we seem to become morally outraged whenever it suits our purposes. CLINE: Well, Ted, we do overdo the pure, uh, morality from

time to time, but we're not very consistent in how we apply it. This outrage over this little pamphlet is, to me, preposterous. I've just been able to read the whole pamphlet. It clearly isn't a CIA type of document. It's very much like hundreds of these things written by guerrilla armies in the field. In fact, just a few lines have been changed to say that it's a guerrilla war for freedom and democracy, and if by any chance, against their will, they have to kill people, they should explain that they were doing it for the cause of freedom and democracy in Nicaragua. It is by no stretch of the imagination an instruction to murder or to assassination. I think that the congressional handling of the release of this document, which must have been given out by congressmen to the press, is really a travesty of fair play. ALLEN: Mr. Koppel, may I say something directly to that, please?

KOPPEL: Sure. ALLEN: This is also misleading, what Mr. Cline has just said, very misleading. In the early 1950s, up through 1957, at Ft. Mead in Maryland, counterinsurgency programs were put there and installed there by all intelligence agencies in the United States, led by the CIA and military intelligence, in which the Nazi experience was drawn upon. I've written about this. Indeed, there were booklets of that period that were executed along the lines of counterinsurgency. I think there's a direct, concrete, continuum relationship between that early period of the '50s when such war criminals and collaborators were used in these counterinsurgency programs as instructors and the Nicaraguan pamphlet which has been just released.

KOPPEL: I guess what I'm asking, and we're down to our last few seconds and whoever wants to answer it can answer it, is do we really have any different standards in this country when it comes to protecting our national interest than

any other great power. CLINE: I say no, and I don't think we should have different standards. Our government should protect its citizens in their national security, their right to freedom, their right to the kind of moral lives they want to lead. RYAN: I agree with that, but the government has also got to uphold the law. We learned that from Watergate, if not before, and we have to learn how to do it consistently. It cannot be a choice that we have to make between law and national security.

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